

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

LOREN L. LEISER,

Plaintiff,
v.
Case No. 20-cv-0123-bhl

KIRA LABBY, et al.,

Defendants.

DECISION AND ORDER

Plaintiff Loren Leiser is representing himself in this 42 U.S.C. §1983 action. He is proceeding on Eighth Amendment claims based on allegations that Defendants were deliberately indifferent to his back pain. Dkt. No. 11. On May 10, 2021, the Court granted Darlene Wilkey's motion for summary judgment on the ground that Leiser failed to exhaust the available administrative remedies. Dkt. No. 83. Leiser filed a motion for reconsideration. Dkt. No. 87. He asserts that the Court should have denied Wilkey's motion because she failed to comply with Civil L. R. 56(b)(1)(C), which requires a moving party to file "a statement of proposed material facts as to which the moving party contends there is no genuine issue and that entitle the moving party to a judgment as a matter of law."

In its decision, the Court noted Wilkey's failure to comply with the local rules, stating, "[w]hile her failure to comply with this requirement would be sufficient grounds for the outright denial of the motion—**an outcome the Court will entertain in the future**—for purposes of the present motion, the Court will exercise its discretion and address the motion on the merits." Dkt. No. 83 at 1, n. 1 (emphasis in original). General L. R. 83(f) states that the Court *may* impose

sanctions on any party who fails to comply with a local rule and clarifies that “[t]he Local Rules are intended to be enforced primarily upon the Court’s own initiative.” And the Seventh Circuit has repeatedly concluded that litigants are not “entitled to expect strict enforcement” of the local rules “by district judges.” *Stevo v. Frasor*, 662 F.3d 880, 887 (7th Cir. 2011). Instead, “it is clear that the decision whether to apply the rule strictly or to overlook any transgression is one left to the district court’s discretion.” *Id.* (citations omitted). The Court will deny Leiser’s motion.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Leiser’s motion for reconsideration (Dkt. No. 87) is **DENIED**.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 28th day of May, 2021.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Brett H. Ludwig
BRETT H. LUDWIG
United States District Judge